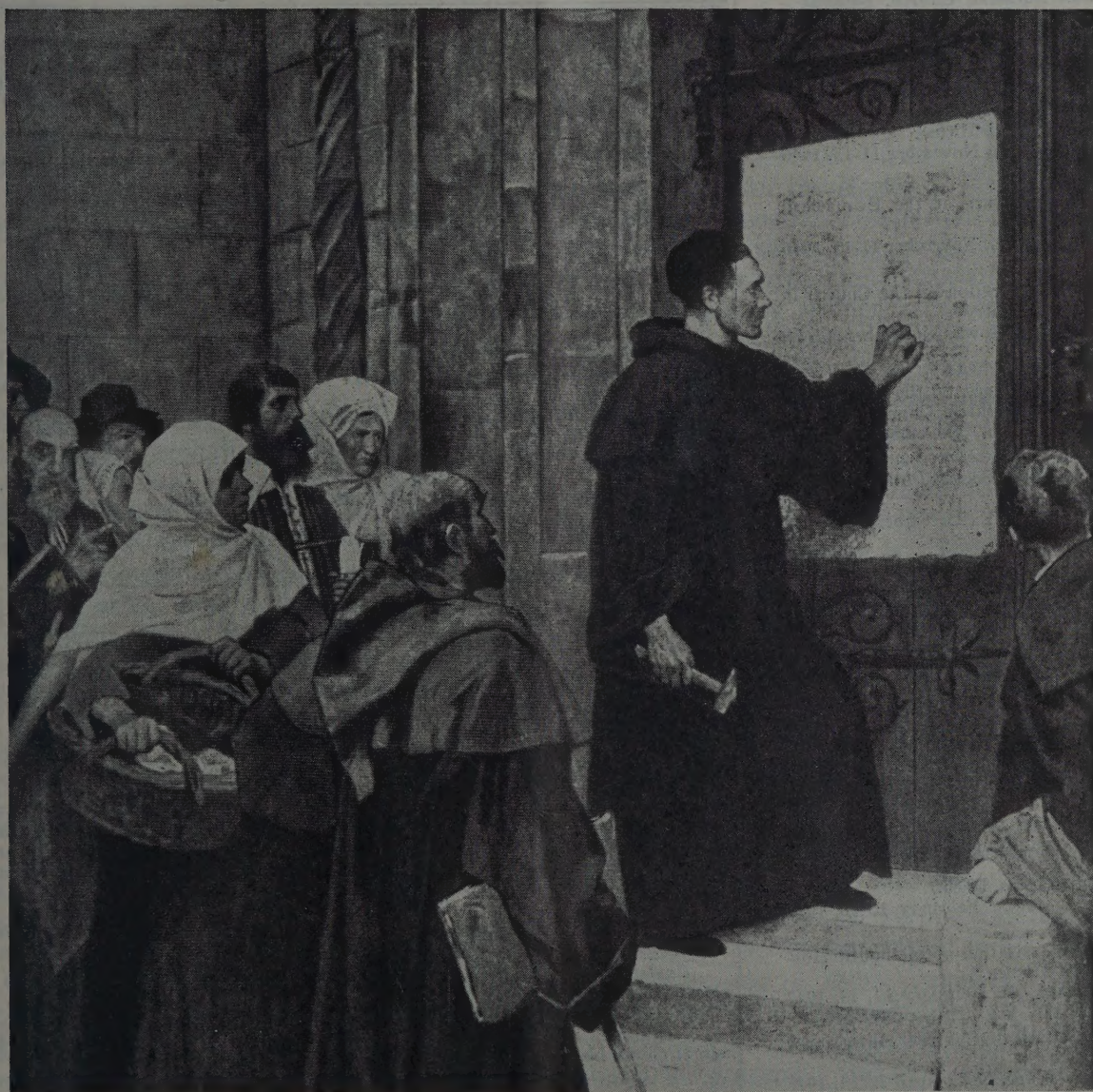
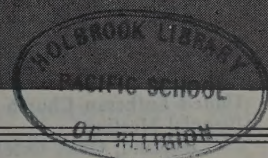


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# The Editorial Outlook

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## LAY LEADERSHIP EMERGING

THE recent National Conference of Young Churchmen at Lakeside, Ohio, was highly reassuring. The few older men who were there as observers and who attend many conferences and conventions in connection with their normal responsibilities remarked frequently that this one was different. The vitality which emerged was more than impetuous enthusiasm or the exuberance of youth. It was steady and mature commitment—ready to go into harness and pull a load in the church.

Most of the delegates, though under thirty, had seen more of the world and of life than is usual for men of their age. They had gone through the war. During the conference they demonstrated by the manner in which they organized their groups and went to work that they are ready for leadership in the church and in the community. They were quieter than a youth conference and less weary than the average ecclesiastical assembly.

The delegates represented many occupations. The list included mechanic, farmer, salesman, grocer, auto stock man, lawyer, restaurant owner, production control engineer, manufacturer, draftsman, accountant, high school principal, factory worker, medical student, radio writer, newspaper reporter, real estate agent, veterinarian, mortician, letter carrier, and economist. They came together to consider earnestly and realistically the responsibilities of Christian vocation. Instead of exhorting the churches, they put their findings in the form of commitments which they made themselves.

When laymen show a deep concern for religious affairs, when they recognize the pre-eminence of their loyalty to Christ, the church is strong and its witness convincing. The group at Lakeside aroused confidence in the church and in the future of America.

The experience of the conference is especially significant in Protestantism for we depend, both by principle and by tradition, upon a large measure of lay responsibility and leadership. The predominance of clerical leadership into which many of our churches have drifted is not consonant with our desires. Laymen came to

Lakeside. Why are they not present in larger numbers in denominational conferences?

Democracy as a way of life requires citizens who voluntarily assume responsibility and initiative in community life. It is no accident of history that democracy has generally thrived best in those countries where the voluntarism which the Protestant churches have encouraged and developed has been most pronounced. Thus the active leadership of laymen in the life and work of our churches is essential for the health of our American democracy as well as the churches.

Along with Lakeside there are other relatively recent developments that point to an increasing participation of laymen in church affairs. We understand that Ex-Justice Owen Roberts, who presided over the House of Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Convention at Philadelphia, was the first layman to be elected to that office. The Congregational Christian Churches have been electing laymen as moderators alternating with ministers. Several Presbyterian bodies have had laymen as moderators in recent years. Other churches have likewise elected laymen to high offices. The Northern Baptist Convention had a woman as president last year.

A few years ago the Federal Council of Churches amended its constitution so as to encourage the appointment of a larger proportion of laymen among the members delegated to the Council by the constituent communions. The Council has urged the churches to appoint a large majority of laymen as delegates to the forthcoming conference on the Church and Economic Life.

During the next two months many local churches will be observing Laymen's Sunday or Men and Mission's Sunday, sponsored respectively by the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World and the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Laymen will be participating in the leadership of regular services of public worship.

The emphasis of these comments upon lay men rather than lay women does not imply that we should take the devotion and service of women for granted. But it is generally recognized that the women give a larger proportion of their time and energy to the work of the church than do the men, not only locally, but also nationally. The point here is to emphasize

the urgency of having more men participating more actively all along the line.

In many respects the churches are giving evidence of new vitality, but none gives more reassurance than the emerging leadership of laymen, especially those of the rising generation.

## The Voice of Protestantism

THERE is a difference between the voice of Roman Catholicism and the voice of Protestantism. To understand the difference we must recall the differing basic assumptions of the two groups. It is the same as that which exists between totalitarianism and democracy.

When the Catholic hierarchy speaks it claims the voice of authority, but it is not the voice of the considered judgment of representatives in open assembly. When a Protestant voice speaks it does not claim divine authority, but it is the voice of the considered judgment of representatives in open assembly.

Dr. John G. Garth of Mecklenburg Presbytery in commenting on the Columbus meeting of the Federal Council in the *Charlotte Observer* of April 14 concluded his article with this paragraph:

"The Federal Council was first organized in 1908, and was incorporated in 1924 and is possibly the greatest influence in America for advancing the spirit and practice of unity in the churches. It enables them to speak with one voice. It is the Protestant Voice of the Western Hemisphere."

I believe that the Federal Council is increasingly the Protestant voice of the Western Hemisphere. But another difference should be noted between the voice of a Protestant denomination and the voice of the Federal Council. When the supreme body in a Protestant denomination speaks it does have authority within that denomination. When the Federal Council speaks it is the voice of considered judgment, it is advice to its constituent members, it is suggestion as to coöperative procedure, but it is binding upon no denomination.

While lacking authority to enforce its deliverances, the voice of the Federal Council is powerful and far-reaching. Whatever authority it has is the authority of truth and conscience. The Council is a representative body, as democratic in its organization and in its discussions as is the Congress of the United States or as is the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

When critics of the Council in written articles or in public debate ask "Does the Federal Council speak for Southern Presbyterians?" or when they say, "At one moment the Council claims to

be the voice of Protestantism and the next moment claims that it is not the voice of the churches," they reveal a lack of understanding of the nature of this federation.

When the Federal Council speaks it is the voice of Protestantism of the Western Hemisphere. It is a voice arrived at in open discussion by duly elected representatives of the constituent denominations. It is the only channel through which the judgment of twenty-five million members can become articulate. It is counsel, not law. It is coöperative planning not enforcement. It is a call to the churches not a command. The only authority it has is when its voice rightly interprets the mind of Christ.

—by JOHN M. ALEXANDER.

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, July 22, 1946.)

## TAKING CHRISTIAN UNITY SERIOUSLY

At the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ held in Columbus, Ohio, last August, the President of the Convention, Dr. M. E. Sadler, in his keynote address, spoke in a way that will hearten all who are concerned for the strengthening of coöperative unity among the churches. He appealed to the members of this great communion not only to give moral and spiritual support to the movement but to demonstrate their concern when making up their own church budgets. He said, in part:

"We should more fully align ourselves with the Federal and World Councils. Here is Christian unity in action. We should not be just a nominal member of these agencies but lead in expanding their efforts. This type of coöperative work should constitute a first call on any resources which we as a brotherhood may have. Our chosen representatives would, of course, help work out these coöperative undertakings.

"We should immediately forget the embarrassingly small sums which we are now contributing to these great causes, and step-up to higher levels. It might well be that \$100,000 or more of our annual resources used through these carefully directed coöperative channels would do more to advance the Kingdom of God than an equal sum used in any other fashion. We might find truly great life as a brotherhood by losing more of it in these significant ecumenical movements."

One of the most encouraging developments in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is the degree to which the coöperating churches are beginning to move in the direction of Dr. Sadler's appeal. Last year they contributed \$229,554.06 to its budget—the highest point that they have ever reached in financial support of the program of the Council.



Delegates Elected Chairmen of Workshops Meet with Conference Leaders\*

## YOUNG CHURCHMEN OUTLINE POST-WAR PARISH PROGRAM

BY JOHN L. FORTSON

**D**ELEGATES representing 20 denominations and coming from every section of the country—men under 30 years of age and 90 per cent of them veterans—met at Lakeside, Ohio, September 3, to discuss what they could do to help strengthen the program of their local churches. After three days of intensive labor they assembled in a final plenary session to adopt a statement which would reflect the range of interests touched upon in the workshop discussions.

"Because there is a special need today to revitalize Christian personality as a dynamic force in the world," the statement began, "we commit ourselves to make a personal dedication to the Will of God." Continuing with a positive note throughout, the commitment pledged "a reexamination of the whole church program, seeking to make all phases of its work more vital," and renewed vigor for "the task of interpreting and applying our faith to all those affairs of the community that affect the brotherhood of man. . . ."

The National Conference of Young Churchmen was called by the Federal

Council of Churches and the International Council of Religious Education to help "mobilize and train (young men) to work effectively as Christian leaders." The conference was opened with a keynote from Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam: "The veteran is here to discover the 'know how' to give concrete effect to ideals."

Other visiting speakers addressed the young churchmen each day. Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Professor of Geology at Harvard University, told them that "being a churchman does not confer any magical ability to pick unerringly the best candidate for office," . . . but that "the churchman's convictions do, however, give him a . . . standard of values that goes far toward making his voice the voice of wisdom." And on the second day Dean Chester B. Emerson of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland, told the 350 delegates that "if humanity is to find some certainty in its con-

\*Back row, left to right: Fred A. Dean, Paris, Ill.; Francis A. Potter, Jefferson, N. Y.; George R. Rice, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas Anderson, Sidney, Ohio; John G. Stewart, New York, N. Y.; and Reuben W. Coleman, director of the conference, Federal Council of Churches. Front row, left to right: T. B. Buffum, Jr., Providence, R. I.; T. T. Swearingen, International Council of Religious Education; Edward H. Engdahl, Moline, Ill.; and E. J. Rydman, Columbus, Ohio.

fusions it will be at the hands of youth who have taken the torch from tired hands. . . ."

The major part of the program, and the part of greatest interest to the delegates, was the workshop sessions. Delegates were assigned to one of eight workshops according to the size of church and size of city from which they came. Resource leaders were available in each workshop, but chairmen and secretaries were elected from the delegation.

There was no attempt by conference leaders to "blueprint" the discussions in advance. Each section adopted its own individual agenda. Following are some of the topics which were particularly highlighted in these discussions:

**WORSHIP**—Four of the 8 workshops went on record as feeling that worship programs need to be revitalized. One group proposed more careful training of congregations in how to participate in worship services, and advocated a more careful use of silence. A second group asked for more dignity, a little more formality. A third group recommended specific steps that could be taken: 1. Establish a worship committee to study the matter and assist the pastor; 2. establish a sermon committee to canvass members on topics they want most to hear preached; 3. improvements in the sanctuary; 4. promote the use of good devotional literature; 5. greater lay participation.

**YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**—One group agreed that among youth groups there now tends to be lack of purpose and that the social aspects are sometimes not related directly enough to the central purpose of the church. The same theme was emphasized in several other workshops. In one group there was general agreement that there is no "typical" veteran and that the church should concentrate on a sound, all-round young adult program which should not be aimed solely at veterans.

**MORE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUTH**—Numerous comments during the sessions emphasized the desire of these young churchmen for more responsible jobs in the church, tasks that would be large enough to challenge them.

**RADIO MINISTRY**—One section held an extended discussion of the need for "streamlined religious radio." Fewer sermons; more dramatic and news programs; shorter programs; emphasis on weekday programs rather than a concentration on Sunday; better use of school dramatic classes, local writers, and prepared transcriptions.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**—Repeated references were made to the need for

the teaching of religion in the public schools, in addition to released time. "Whether or not this teaching of religion should include controversial subjects should be determined by the attitude of the community." One workshop emphasized the need for better Church school teachers—paid teachers if necessary.

**RACE RELATIONS**—The statement in the Findings reflects extensive discussion during the final plenary session as well as considerable attention to this topic during the workshop sessions. One group prefaced its advocacy of equal educational and economic opportunities with the following: "The very nature of the Christian Gospel is antagonistic to racial discrimination. The problem is urgent."

**BROKEN HOMES**—The following recommendations taken from the report of one workshop reflect similar thinking in other workshops: "The church should provide education for young people in marriage and family life, permitting and encouraging free and realistic discussion of sex and birth control. Congregations where possible should provide counselling service through specialists. Church agencies should make every effort to provide training for pastors and other leaders in this field."

In its final session the conference adopted special recommendations looking toward a continuation of the work started at Lakeside. These recommendations called upon the two sponsoring agencies to "consider the possibility of providing national staff leadership for young churchmen," and

established a committee of 16—two from each workshop—to work with the agencies in any future program that may be developed. A third special recommendation urged the exchange of young churchmen with Russia in order to foster better relations with that nation.

## Conference Findings

### OUR COMMITMENT

As young churchmen we declare ourselves to be men of faith—faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God Who came that we might have life. We believe in the Church as the "Body of Christ" on earth which in its nature is universal, embracing all of those who accept and follow Him. We confess our individual sins and seek the redeeming grace of our Lord and Saviour. It is with the deepest sense of humility and feeling of responsibility that we thus commit ourselves to Christian action on the human problems facing the Church. A great value of our Faith lies in the challenge which it presents to us as Christians. Our Faith makes us secure in accepting this challenge and it is through the bonds of friendship that we dedicate ourselves to our task.

### PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Because there is a special need today to revitalize Christian personality as a dynamic force in the world, **WE COMMIT OURSELVES:**

To make a personal dedication to the Will of God, and to develop to the best of our ability the qualities of life made evident in the life and teachings of Jesus;

To prepare ourselves for discipleship by

study, prayer and worship, to the end that in living a seven-day-a-week faith we may make our most eloquent witness;

To assume unfailing personal responsibility for the needs of the world about us, evidencing our concern through aid to our neighbors, by sharing our personal faith, in the acceptance of leadership responsibilities, and in our personal interest in increasing the effectiveness of the total Church program.

### WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

**WE COMMIT OURSELVES** to a reexamination of the whole Church program, seeking to make all phases of its work more vital. We commit ourselves to aid the Church in reaching non-church and delinquent church groups by

encouraging visitation evangelism

encouraging pastoral calling

supporting a follow-up program for members who are new in the church

seeking to interest groups as well as individuals

making an example of our lives in the practice of Christian ideals

We commit ourselves to give support to an effective church training and education program, using every modern technique, in the areas of

lay leadership training

the nature, history and organization of the church

parent education

counseling of youth in preparation for marriage

personal and family counseling

We commit ourselves to the use of worship as a primary means of providing the resource of power necessary for vital Christian living.

We commit ourselves to the development of an adequate program for young people of all ages within the Church and throughout the community.

We commit ourselves to an effort to abolish vice and crime and control the liquor traffic by

appealing to local authorities

encouraging community pride

positive secular and Christian education

We commit ourselves to the following church policy: a system of rotation providing for change in the membership of official boards, including youth.

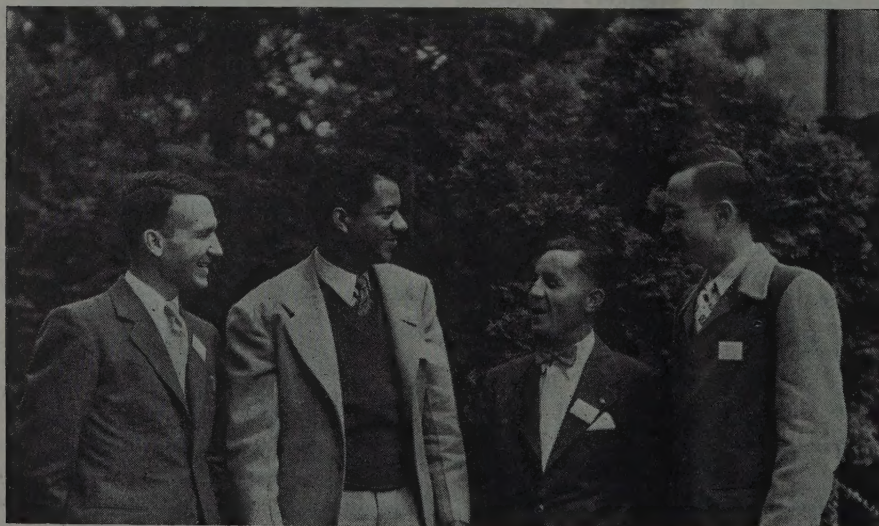
We commit ourselves to the adequate financial support of the Church.

### THROUGH THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**WE COMMIT OURSELVES** to

making our churches centers of the social activities of the community which will serve the basic needs of our people, always keeping in mind the real spiritual purpose of the Christian Church;

(See Page 21)



**DELEGATES WHO MADE KEYNOTE SPEECHES** at the National Conference of Young Churchmen. Left to right: Grant A. Salisbury, Manhattan, Kan.; John B. Quick, Brooklyn, N.Y.; James Rietmulder, Paterson, N.J.; Charles E. Mosiman, Indianapolis, Ind.

# Germany -- Faith and Future

PRESENT "SPIRITUAL VACUUM" IS HELD A SERIOUS DANGER

BY SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT

UNDER appointment by the Secretary of War, Hon. Robert P. Patterson, on nomination by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, I arrived in Germany on July 7, 1946, to serve during the summer as the Protestant liaison representative between the German churches and the American Military Government.

The main impression with which I return has to do with the necessity for a better understanding of the German situation on the part of the American people. For conditions in Germany will be a primary factor in determining the future of the European Continent, and even of Western civilization as a whole.

## PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

The physical destruction in Germany is much greater than can be imagined by one who has not witnessed it with his own eyes. To this must be added the depressing effect of continuing undernourishment. Nor can it be assumed that the present harvest will be adequate for the needs of the year. The fact is that the Germany which emerged from the Potsdam Conference—much smaller in territory yet having approximately the same population—has no prospect of becoming self-sustaining in its food supply.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Even more dangerous for the future of Germany than the material and physical situation are the psychological attitudes and outlook of the rank and file of the people. The dominant mood of great numbers might be described as a weary cynicism. Their faith in Nazism is gone but they have found no other faith to take its place. The real danger in Germany at the present time is not a new upsurge of powerful militarism but the growth of this nihilistic spirit. The basic problem in Germany today is to fill the spiritual vacuum with a positive faith. Here is the great opportunity of the Christian Church. Unless it can measure up to this opportunity, it is difficult to see how hopeful objectives in any other realm—the economic and the political, for example—can be achieved.

Dr. Cavert made a report on his recent mission to Germany at the September 26 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council. This article is a condensation of that report.

## POLITICAL CONDITIONS

The division of Germany into four different zones, occupied by four different powers, with relatively little contact between them, continues to make the solution of every problem many fold more difficult and to place some problems beyond solution. It seems probable that the Eastern Zone of Occupation will be a permanent satellite of Russia. The question is whether the western zones will, in time, be drawn also into the Soviet orbit or whether they will be able to establish some stable and effective form of democratic government.

When, a year or more ago, the Churches urged that the victor nations had a moral responsibility of helping to assure to the defeated peoples a normal economic opportunity and a respected place as citizens of the world, the Churches were charged with being "idealistic" or "soft." Today it appears that the Christian policy of reconciliation and helpfulness is the only possible realism! For unless Germany can be brought to a stable and prosperous condition, no effective democracy can be achieved. The German people will believe in democracy only as they see it functioning in a way that promises them hope and opportunity. And if democracy fails in the American and British Zones and leaves social and economic chaos, the whole of Germany will pass into the Communist sphere—and, with Germany, probably the whole of Western Europe.

## RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS

The expectation of many people that after the war the Church, because of its record of resistance to the Nazi regime, would have a great rebirth of popular support, now seems to have contained a great deal of "wishful thinking." So far as I have been able to discover, there is no movement which could be called a revival of religion or a large-scale increase in the strength of the Church. However, there has undoubtedly been considerable gain in church attendance, as com-

pared with the pre-war or the wartime years. It would certainly be safe to assert that more German citizens assemble every week in the church than under any other auspices.

The difficulties under which the Church operates in Germany today can hardly be exaggerated. It has not yet been possible to resume the publication of most of the church periodicals.

The relation of the Church to its youth—an urgent problem in all countries—assumes an acute form in Germany because of the dozen years in which most of the young people received their training exclusively from the Nazis. Some of the young people are saying that they were betrayed by National Socialism, on which they had pinned their hopes, and will now cherish no ideals of any kind. Others look back wistfully to the Third Reich and say that in those days they had something to look forward to, whereas today there is no future for them. Some are quietly coming back to the Church. They are apparently coming in rather small numbers; there is nothing like a wholesale return. But those who are coming back will mean much to both Church and nation.

In at least one field of momentous importance today the Church is demonstrating a capacity to live very close to the daily life of the people—the field of relieving human suffering. The "Hilfswerk" organized by the Conference at Treysa in August, 1945, has already become an effective instrument for ministering to the immediate physical needs of every community. It has succeeded in building up a functioning organization which reaches down from a national headquarters to the local parish. It is generally agreed that the "Hilfswerk" is the most important voluntary relief agency in Germany. The Protestant "Hilfswerk" and the Roman Catholic "Caritas," taken together, constitute the chief German channel of social services. In fact, I believe that the Church in Germany is today doing relief work on a far greater scale, in proportion to its size, than anything of a parallel nature in America.

What "Hilfswerk" is doing today is, of course, made possible, in large measure, by assistance from the other churches in more favored lands. What

our churches are doing in this program of relief is really far more than relief; it is relief *plus*. It is relief plus Christian witness because the supplies are being given in the name of Christ and distributed in the name of Christ.

Concerning the future organization of the Church as whole, it seems clear that inner tensions are emerging which will make heavy demands on Christian comity and strategy. The existing Council of "The Evangelical Church in Germany," which was formed on an emergency basis a few weeks after the end of the war, drew together, in a vaguely defined alliance, all the various Protestant groups except the small "free churches."

Now, however, the question is being faced as to whether the organization is to be continued in its present form or whether a substantial change is called for. Those who are eager to see the development of a united Lutheran Church on a national basis (as distinguished from the *Landeskirchen*) propose that "The Evangelical Church in Germany" should be reorganized in such a way as to be harmonious with this development. In that event the present organization

would probably become a loose federation. On the other hand, there are those who are critical of anything which seems to fix the Church in traditional and conservative patterns. They are placing the emphasis on more democratic procedures as well as upon a form of organization which will magnify the unity of conviction among Christians of the different confessions.

Toward the American Military Government the German Church leaders have an attitude of general friendliness combined with misgivings on many specific points. They think of the Occupation as necessary for the preservation of internal order and peace. They are disappointed, however, that the Military Government has not turned more definitely to the churches for cooperation in its task.

One of the most encouraging signs in the German Church is the keen desire of its leaders to be associated with the ecumenical movement, particularly with the World Council of Churches. The potential significance of the cooperation of the German Church in the World Council it is hardly possible to exaggerate. For the Christian leaders of Germany it means

the one clear opportunity of a more-than-national fellowship. As one of them said: "We Germans can have no place as yet in any international body of a political character. . . . We have no way of speaking to the political world but we can speak to the Christian world. This makes us realize the unique and distinctive character of the Christian fellowship."

## WORK OUTLINED FOR LIAISON IN GERMANY

The primary purpose of Dr. Cavert's mission to Germany last summer was to complete the arrangements for a permanent "liaison representative" between the American Military Government and the churches of Germany. The plan for such a representative had been authorized by the President of the United States and the Secretary of War.

After extensive consultations with the officers of Military Government in the American Zone of Occupation and with leaders of the German churches a detailed plan was formulated for the work of the liaison representative on a permanent basis. The Protestant, the Roman Catholic and the Jewish bodies are each to have such a representative, aiming to help the German churches in the critical situation which they face today in connection with urgent issues of spiritual reconstruction and the strengthening of the moral and religious life of postwar Germany.

In his report to the Federal Council's Executive Committee on September 26, Dr. Cavert submitted the directive which was issued by General Lucius D. Clay, the Deputy Military Governor of the American Zone, outlining the agreement arrived at after Dr. Cavert's consultation with him. It provides that the representatives sent by the American churches should function with complete freedom in their relations with the German churches and be directly responsible to the churches, rather than to Military Government. At the same time, the Military Government places its facilities in the way of housing, mess and transportation at the disposal of the representatives of the churches.

It is hoped that one of the important outcomes of this service will be the strengthening of the ecumenical outlook and spirit of the German church by bringing it into close contact with the churches of other lands after the many years during which it has been almost completely shut off from relations with the outside world.

## Executive Committee Actions

IN a statement approved at the Sept. 26 meeting of its Executive Committee, the Federal Council urged that a larger number of displaced persons be admitted to the United States during the present emergency by whatever legislative or administrative procedures may be required.

Expressing support of President Truman's "announced intention to seek liberalization of immigration regulations to cope with resettlement needs," the statement also recommended that communications be sent to the President and members of Congress urging that constructive action be taken without delay.

"That the churches may play their appropriate part in aiding the displaced persons," the statement continued, "we urge our church people to increase their contributions through their church relief channels."

In a second action the committee appointed Dr. Julius Bodensieck, President of the Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, as the permanent Protestant liaison representative between the American Military Government in Germany and the German churches.

Dr. Bodensieck, who has been in Geneva, Switzerland, at the headquarters of the World Council of Churches for the last few weeks, is expected to go to Germany within a short time.

Recent actions of six denominations approving the creation of the projected National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America were reported to the executive committee. The denominations are: Reformed Church in America; Congregational-Christian; Evangelical and Reformed; Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; Disciples of Christ, and Protestant Episcopal.

In a resolution of welcome to the United Nations General Assembly, which convenes in New York on October 23, the Committee said:

"In behalf of our churches we join in extending a cordial welcome to the officers and delegates. . . . We pray that God, the Ruler of men and nations, may so guide and bless their deliberations that the peoples may be led to undertake those curative and creative tasks of reconstruction, through which new international fellowship may be achieved. . . ."

# Record Set For Clinical Training In Summer

BY SEWARD HILTNER

THE GREAT Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston is famous as the place where ether was first used as a surgical anesthetic. And it also deserves renown as the first general hospital to give clinical pastoral training to theological students, a program which has continued without interruption since 1931.

An index of progress achieved since this hospital pioneered in the clinical training field may be gained from the fact that during the past summer 175 ministers and theological students spent from six to twelve weeks in full-time training in *twenty* hospitals and similar places, the largest number ever to receive such training in a comparable period.

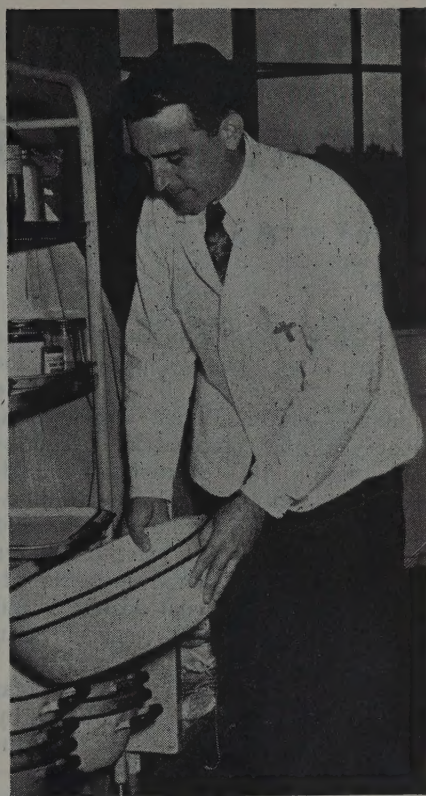
Eight of the twenty centers were located in general hospitals, and a similar number were in mental hos-

pitals. Three were in correctional institutions. The last was the unique program centering at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, in which students live at the school and are supervised by it, but make the community their clinic—being attached to social agencies of various kinds for their training.

The centers of training are located in ten different states, and are under several kinds of auspices. The institution or agency in which the students work is always a sponsor, in the sense that it makes its facilities fully available. But pastoral leadership and direction is sometimes supplied by a theological school, sometimes by a local council of churches, sometimes by a group of interested individuals.

Clinical pastoral training, uniquely an American achievement, grew out of the insight and hard work of three men, none of whom, oddly enough, was a parish minister. Two were physicians, Richard C. Cabot and William S. Keller. The third was a religious sociologist, Anton T. Boisen.

The essential principle of clinical pastoral training is that students learn to understand and help people by actually doing so under supervision in situations which make it possible for the results to be checked. It is not just experience, but it cannot be clinical training without experience—including the useful pans portrayed

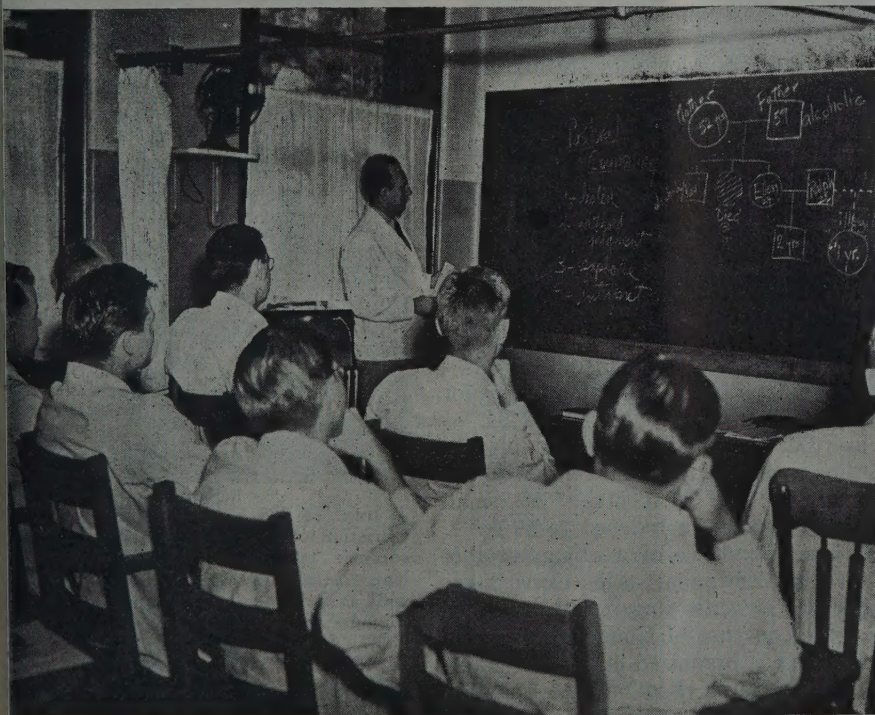


A Trainee on Orderly Duty

in the photograph. Service is a key to understanding.

To experience is added supervision and direction. Once oriented via bed-pans and dirty linen to the situation in which he is working, the student pins on his white coat his identifying cross or band and is assigned to call on someone. He begins by listening; it is safe and, surprisingly often, helpful. After his chat he goes to his nook somewhere and writes out what happened—not just general impressions but everything, real dialogue. His teacher then has something to work with. He may ask, "You say you wanted to help this man be calmer. What did you mean, then, at this point by forcing him to come back to a subject which he had clearly avoided before?" The student begins to reflect. Before his course is finished, he may not be perfect but he has a good idea when he is being helpful.

Clinical pastoral training is no panacea. But its expansion and development at this time, despite financial and other obstacles, shows that there is an increasingly serious determination on the part of the American clergy to make themselves thoroughly prepared to deal with the emotional and spiritual problems of war's aftermath. The sponsors of these programs deserve the prayers and the support of all church people.



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Theological Students Attend Class at Summer Institute

# Council Bluffs Churches Pioneer United Canvass

THEY "ASK" TOGETHER AND RECEIVE MORE

**B**ACK IN 1934 the depression was posing knotty problems for church treasurers all over the country, but in Council Bluffs, Iowa, that year the combination of depression and drouth presented an especially serious problem. Financial prospects were about as thin as they could be; so thin that at least one large church in the city found its credit rating so shaky that coal dealers would not deliver fuel until some layman had personally guaranteed payment.

Eleven years later in 1945 a total budget of \$122,663 was established by 19 churches in the city—a 20% increase over the total 1944 budget—and in a united every member canvass the churches topped this goal by \$4,908.

The difference between these two years is the story of an adventure in cooperative stewardship.

In 1934 representatives from Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches met under the leadership of Dr. C. Carson Bransby, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, to talk about finances. They decided that a united campaign for all churches, using some of the techniques applied so successfully by social agencies through the Community Chest drives, might be the answer. It was agreed that the spring would be the better time for this joint effort, and churches with finance campaigns scheduled for the fall adapted themselves to the new plan by simply extending the subscriptions normally expiring in the fall to make them renewable in the spring.

That first year eight churches participated. In 1945 a total of 28 churches—including one synagogue—took part. Nineteen of the congregations actually raised their money simultaneously, each conducting its own campaign individually, with the other nine churches participating in the religious emphasis of the week but raising their budgets at another time.

Through this experience the churches of Council Bluffs have achieved a new degree of efficiency in business affairs. By teamwork and careful attention to detail both the number of givers and

the total amount given have been increased. By the use of system all churches are doing an increasing amount of work by mail, and depending less and less on personal calls by canvassers. By skillful use of regular newspaper advertising, radio, publicity, and other forms of promotion, the entire community is made aware of the importance and value of its institutions of religion. In total the achievements at Council Bluffs were sufficient to win the first National Achievement Award given by United Church Canvass for the best united campaign conducted during 1945.

Director of the 1945 united canvass was H. A. Paulson, Baptist layman and sales representative for a men's clothing manufacturer. During the war he had more customers than he had clothes to sell; and with time on his hands he turned all of his selling skill to church promotion. In the 1945 united campaign he applied techniques which he had worked out during the previous three years as canvass chairman for his own First Baptist Church. With his fellow church members Paulson made a salesman's use of slogans. "Make it a dollar a week and over!"—in 1942 a total of 40 gave as much as \$1 a week; for 1945 a total of 115 gave this amount. "Give as much to missions as for current expenses."—in 1945 there were 127 members of the First Baptist Church who gave as much to missions as for current expenditures, and the following year this number increased to 155. "Let's change the words of that old refrain—'Dropping, dropping pennies for Jesus'—let's drop coins for Jesus."—in 1942 72% of First Baptist pledges were from 5 cents to 50 cents a week; by 1945 the percentage of small pledges had been reduced to 59%.

The experience of working together through the annual spring canvass has proved so satisfying to the laymen of the churches of Council Bluffs that they have organized a United Protestant Church Brotherhood—now in its third year—which sponsors the United Church Canvass every year,

and in addition conducts a church attendance campaign and indoor winter meetings for men. Each July the Brotherhood sponsors a gigantic picnic for the members of all churches in the city. This year, with Paulson as President, the Brotherhood is making plan to purchase and operate permanent recreation grounds for the use of the newly-organized church softball league and for other athletic and social purposes.

Churchmen of Council Bluffs are inclined to smile indulgently when they hear someone say: "Oh we can't do anything on cooperative stewardship." All our churches have different times to raise their money and they don't see the need to change."

## Symbol of Hope



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A total of 765 persons attended the first Christian Ashrams sponsored during the summer by the Department of Evangelism. Ministers and laymen, families as well as individuals, were among those who joined Ashram fellowships at Los Angeles, Calif.; Green Lake, Wis.; Winnepesaukee, N. H., and Lynchburg, Va. The picture above shows participants in the Ashram held at Lynchburg College, Virginia, opening their ten-day meeting by raising the cross as a symbol of their common quest.

# Commission to Study Worship Report

## LAKESIDE FINDINGS SHOW GREATER INTEREST IN THIS AREA

WHEN THE Commission on Worship holds its regular autumn meeting in St. Louis, Mo., on October 23, one topic on the agenda will be discussion of the suggestions regarding worship which came from the recent National Conference of Young Churchmen at Lakeside, Ohio. (See page 5) According to Rev. Deane Edwards, Secretary of the Commission, careful consideration will be given to these suggestions and plans laid to embody them in the life of the Church.

The interest of young churchmen in worship reflects a general revival of interest in this field which is regarded as one of the major movements in the Church today. At the Madras meeting of the International Missionary Council in 1938 it was stated "From churches all over the world . . . comes the report of a renewed interest in the approach to God through worship."

Among the developments cited by Mr. Edwards is the new interest in church music evidenced by the increasing number of ministers of music, the unusual number of new hymnals which have come from the press during the past ten years, and the very general desire to lift the standards in this field. Another development is the strong response from young people to the higher standards of worship, to be seen in summer camps and conferences and in youth departments in the local church. Distinct trends are the incorporation of the social emphasis into the worship life of the Church, and a new interest in the contribution of worship to the rural church.

In the ecumenical movement, contrary to expectations, worship has provided the ground for closest fellowship in spite of creedal differences. As noted in the printed order for the Service of Ecumenical Worship held at the Chapel of the University of Chicago last April, "At the World Conferences held at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937, at Madras in 1938, and Amsterdam in 1939, a new experience of spiritual unity in worship was discovered. Instead of being an accidental accompaniment of the quest for unity, worship was realized as its highest climax, its central reality." An indication of this common experi-

ence in worship is seen in the study made by the Commission in 1941 of the hymnology of seven communions. This study disclosed a marked trend toward a common body of hymns in use among the leading churches.

The nonliturgical churches are taking a new interest in the Christian Year—the calendar of religious seasons and special days. A significant development in this field is the increasing number of special contemporary observances which now supplement the traditional celebrations. The Church of today is giving wide recognition to Universal Bible Sunday, Race Relations Day, Labor Sunday, Rural Life Sunday, Religious Education Week, World Order Day and the other occasions which reflect the concern of the Church for the life of today. This new emphasis on the Christian

field. From the beginning, seminars on worship, conducted in cooperation with local committees, have been a primary activity of the Commission. A total thus far of 75 seminars have been held in 27 states.

Another substantial contribution by the Commission is in the field of publications. *A Spiritual Almanac for Service Men* had a total distribution of two and a half million copies. The V-E Day and V-J Day services of worship, in which the Commission cooperated with the Department of Evangelism, were widely used, approximately two million copies being distributed. *Hymns of the Rural Spirit*, and *How to Pray—Ten Simple Rules*, are two recent publications that enjoy wide popularity. The newest addition to the Pamphlet Library on Worship, *Observing Christmas*, will be published this autumn.

Other activities of the Commission include the direction of worship services at public gatherings of the Federal Council such as the Cleveland Study Conference, the Pittsburgh Biennial, the Columbus Meeting and other occasions; responsibility for the daily chapel services in the Federal Council building; exploration of new fields for service, such as the consultation with the American Foundation for the Blind regarding worship recordings to be distributed through the "talking book" system of the Foundation; and the publication of folders of worship suggestions for special occasions such as *Citizenship Day*, *In Remembrance 1946*, *Reformation Day 1946*, and *Prayer for the San Francisco Conference*. This last was distributed to approximately 40,000 churches.

The Chairman of the Commission on Worship is Dr. Boynton Merrill, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Columbus, Ohio, which is widely known as Washington Gladden's church. The Vice Chairman is Dr. Hampton Adams, pastor of the Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis, Mo., who has recently been elected President of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. The Recording Secretary is Rev. Philip S. Watters, President of the Drew School for Young Women at Carmel, N. Y.



Officers of the Commission on Worship. L. to R., top: Dr. Hampton Adams, Rev. Philip S. Watters; Dr. Boynton Merrill, Rev. Deane Edwards

Year, both new and old, is contributing toward a greater unity of program within the church as a whole.

The Commission on Worship of the Federal Council was established in 1932 under the leadership of Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield. In 1938, Mr. Edwards began his duties as secretary to serve the growing interest in this



Director Lynch And Group Prepare Script



Swan's Island Methodist Church Children

# Maine Children Attend School by Radio

ISOLATED AREAS REACHED BY SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

**I**N NEW ENGLAND there is a Sunday School classroom as big as all out-of-doors; it covers the entire State of Maine and parts of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. This school has 25,000 pupils who attend every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 8:45 over three stations of the Maine Network at Portland, Augusta and Bangor.

Church School of the Air was started in 1944 by the Maine Council of Churches to serve children in remote areas who could not attend regular church schools. The early schedule was chosen because it is a good hour for farm children to listen, and it has the additional advantage of allowing city children to participate and still attend their own church schools. Often the radio program concludes with the announcer saying: "You have just time now to get ready to go to your own church school."

Indeed every effort is made to tie the work of the program in with that of the regular Sunday Schools. In the early summer when some church schools begin to disband for vacation, the superintendents frequently announce: "Let's continue to meet together through the summer on the radio." Listeners are continually urged to affiliate with their nearest school, and when parents or children write in, their names are referred to

the nearest church for a proper follow-up.

The school has almost 400 regularly enrolled members who have joined formally, receive a regular news bulletin to which they are asked to contribute, and books for home reading and Bible study. But there are thousands more who listen. The radio people, who are exceedingly well pleased with the program, estimate the audience to be 25,000.

Miss Marion L. Ulmer, Executive Secretary of the Maine Council of Churches, is the one responsible for instituting the program and is the person who prepares the scripts each week. The script-writing came about accidentally when the semi-professional writer who started with the project left the state. Miss Ulmer was then faced with the alternative: "Either the program goes off the air, or I learn to write radio scripts."

Her system is to block out programs for at least two months ahead of time, varying the content to include Bible stories, discussion groups, and special music. For one series of programs she selected questions the children in her own Sunday School class had asked about Lent, and used this as a basis for a discussion, with the children themselves participating. Junior choirs are occasionally asked to take part in the programs. It was an especially noteworthy Sunday when the group of children from the

Swan Island Methodist Church—parish on an island off the coast of Maine—journeyed into Bangor to go on the air; to these isolated children the weekly program is a highly valuable link with the mainland. On this particular Sunday they had been asked to present a program which they had worked out under the direction of the minister's wife.

Rev. G. Ernest Lynch, minister of First Parish, Portland, has worked with Miss Ulmer as Director of Radio Ministry, cooperating in the preparation of programs, and acting as speaker for the Church School. However, Mr. Lynch will leave next January to take a church in Boston. His successor as Director of Church School of the Air will be Rev. Clifford H. Osborne, minister of the Pleasant Street Methodist Church, Waterville.

Results of the Church School have been so satisfactory that the radio committee of the Maine Council has planned an adult Bible study program which is being heard during the 15 minutes immediately following the children's program.

THE CHURCH-SPONSORED Harlan County Citizens League, determined to stamp out lawlessness in Harlan County, has won its fight to establish a county police force, according to Religious News Service dispatch. Harlan Fiscal Court has appropriated \$4,000 for salaries of such a force.

# State of World Order, 1946

## CHURCHES PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON STUDY OF PEACE

**H**ISTORICAL developments in the months since the signing of the United Nations Charter, the release of atomic energy, and the end of the war have given new form and content to the struggle for world order. Churches and governments alike must take into account the new conditions which now confront the family of nations. The growing fear, distrust and defeatism which mark the current state of the world give new urgency to the efforts of all who seek a just and durable peace. If the churches are to further effectively the application of Christian and moral principles to international life, we need to see our world order tasks in the perspective provided by the present crisis of mankind.

### TWO WORLDS IN ONE

The most ominous development of the post-war period has been the disintegration of the war-time coalition of the United Nations. The victors have increasingly been divided into two contending blocs of powers, separated by conflicting aims and methods, by ignorance and misunderstanding, by suspicions and fears. The tensions which have grown between the Soviet Union and the Western states are reflected in more and more areas of international life, as frictions and hostile acts increase. During the past year the lines of division have become much sharper, threatening the security of every people.

In Europe, the major center of conflicting policies is Germany, with its present weakness and potential strength. From Stettin to Trieste Europe is split by this conflict. In Asia, as in Europe, the lines of division are becoming sharper. Korea remains in two separate zones of occupation. The hopes for a united and peaceful China have grown dim in recent months.

### ONE WORLD OR NONE

The menace of Soviet-Western tensions is seen most clearly against the background of the new weapons of mass destruction, epitomized by the atomic bomb.

The critical issue is the question of effective world control of atomic energy, as the probable key to any broader control of armaments. During the months past some progress has been

made toward this goal, although the greatest hurdles have not been surmounted and the time for halting a catastrophic race in atomic weapons is short. After nearly a year of study and debate, the United States decided to place its own atomic energy facilities under civilian control. The United Nations, moreover, agreed on the need for international control of this new power and set up an Atomic Energy Commission to negotiate a plan. Thirdly, the American repre-

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This article is a condensation of a survey of recent international trends made by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill. The purpose of this survey is to supply background material to the many church groups which are joining in the special study emphasis leading up to World Order Day, November 10. A copy of the full survey may be obtained from the Department.

The study emphasis coincides with the opening of the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations in this country on October 23, and also with the first anniversary of the date when the United Nations Charter came into effect, October 24.

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sentative on that commission, Mr. Baruch, following the recommendations of the Acheson-Lilienthal report, has put forward some far-reaching proposals for the establishment of effective world controls.

The American proposals constitute one of the significant state papers of our time. They recognize that the security of each nation depends upon the security of all, and offer to yield the temporary American monopoly of atomic energy in return for a genuine international authority to control the dangerous phases of the atomic process and to assure the world against violation of the controls. They offer a new and hopeful pattern.

Contrasting with the effort to control weapons of mass destruction is the continued emphasis of the great powers on war industry and research, the staging of military and naval maneuvers, and the struggle for strategic bases. The past year has witnessed

the unmistakable signs of a new armaments race.

### VICTORS AND VANQUISHED

The defeated countries, at least in Europe, have thus far been given little opportunity to rebuild their national life on independent and democratic lines. Rather they have become strategic pawns in the struggle for power among the major victors. In Japan, a more promising pattern is evident. The occupation policy has given the vanquished some opportunity and incentive to rebuild the national life on democratic and peaceful foundations.

### FREE AND SUBJECT PEOPLES

The welfare and status of dependent peoples have long been of especial concern to Christian people. Throughout the East the inhabitants of subject territories are pressing for conditions of freedom. As in the past, the powers occupying dependent areas have been slow to recognize the claims of the native populations.

Despite this backward trend, two hopeful events of major significance have occurred in recent months. The Philippine Islands became an independent commonwealth in July, and the British government has offered the people of India a forward-looking plan for an independent federal union. Some efforts, furthermore, have been made to draft trust agreements for the mandated areas.

### SUFFERING AND PRIVATION

The constant background of international relations since the end of hostilities has been the great want of the necessities of life which has oppressed the majority of peoples. Most pathetic of all are the masses of refugees uprooted by war's havoc and hatreds. The relief efforts of the more privileged peoples, through UNRRA and through supplementary voluntary agencies, have made it possible for people in some countries to start rebuilding their lives.

Despite improvement in some areas, the world's food crisis is still grave. Famine looms in China and India, and acute need in a large part of Europe.

### MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DISUNITY

The material needs of mankind are matched or outweighed by moral and spiritual needs. The building of one

world requires as its foundation a common body of ethical principles on which the structure of international relations can be based. The past year has brought little or no progress toward this objective. The struggle for power among the victors has revealed sharp cleavages with regard to both the goals and methods of society, although the similarity of professed goals for human welfare offers hope for the future. The lack of common moral standards is perhaps the most perilous characteristic of the post-war world.

#### THE UNITED NATIONS

Over against the foregoing factors of world crisis stands one development of a more hopeful character, the coming into existence of the United Nations organization and related bodies. The General Assembly has met as the public forum of the world. The Security Council has gone into regular session and has focused attention on a number of the tensions which plague post-war relationships. The Economic and Social Council has held its first meetings, launching permanent commissions on human rights, economics and employment, transport and communications, social problems, and statistics. Through the Council's initiative, the International Refugee Organization and the World Health Organization are being established. Finally, the International Court of Justice is established and a number of countries, including the United States, have accepted compulsory jurisdiction in international legal disputes.

The specialized international agencies under the Economic and Social Council have likewise made progress.

It is, of course, true that the success of the United Nations procedures depends upon the amount of collaboration agreeable to the major powers. The mounting tensions between the Soviet and Western powers may prevent the United Nations machinery from operating effectively. Nevertheless, the existence of this organization, ready for use, is of great significance in the movement toward world community and world government.

#### THE CHURCHES AND WORLD ORDER

The efforts of the churches to bring the principles and resources of the Christian Gospel to bear upon world affairs have continued during the past year. Yet these efforts have not matched the needs of the time or the demands of Christian obligation. Only a small part of the potential strength of the churches of Christ has been enlisted for expressing the Christian wit-

ness for world order. Some forward-looking steps, however, have been taken. A year ago the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace put forward a general post-war strategy entitled "Christian Action on Four Fronts for Peace." A special meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was convened in March. At this meeting, the Council adopted an important statement of objectives called "The Churches and World Order."

The churches of Christ throughout the world have also made considerable progress as an ecumenical movement. Christian deputations to the churches of Germany and Japan in the first months after the war helped to strengthen the ties of fellowship and understanding which the war had been unable to break. The Provisional Committee of the World Council of

Churches, meeting last February, spoke to the conscience of the world on the needs of the starving, the homeless and the oppressed. It also authorized the establishment of a special international commission to give the churches counsel on world-order strategy. The charter for this Commission of the Churches on International Affairs was drafted at the conference of Christian leaders held in Cambridge, England, in August. Thus while the crisis of humanity continues to grow, the churches of Christ prepare for a more effective demonstration of the Christian witness in the world of nations. Over against the anarchy of secular relations is the growing sense of unity and fellowship among the churches. In the unity of the Christian community there is a brightening beacon for the world community.

## A Message to Our Churches

Following is the text of the official statement of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for World Order Day, November 10, 1946:\*

**T**HE CRISIS of humanity mounts with each passing day. The fabric of our society, weakened by years of global war, is being torn asunder by growing conflict between two worlds. The tensions between the Soviet and Western powers dim the prospects for just or durable peace settlements, and heighten the terrible insecurity of this atomic age. Before the task of world reconstruction has really begun, the great powers are showing through competition in armaments a fear and distrust of each other, which, if unchecked, may lead to new war. Fear and frustration mark the mood of the peoples. Truly, this is a time of testing for the family of nations, and for the churches of Christ in every land.

The Christian witness in the world of nations is a challenge to governments and peoples. Unless there is a moral transformation in the hearts of individuals and in society, the seeds of pride and selfishness will surely produce the bitter fruit of a new and more terrible war. Our churches have stated this truth repeatedly. The passage of time has only made more clear its validity. If there is to be sufficient world order to prevent chaos, international

relations must be changed at their source—in the spirit of man. There is no substitute for a fundamental conversion of attitudes.

The building of the United Nations as a method for constructive cooperation is of utmost importance in the struggle for just and durable peace. It offers a favorable opportunity peacefully to adjust conflicting interests, to review and revise unjust conditions in the peace settlements, to further human rights and fundamental freedoms, to control weapons of mass destruction, to concert the efforts of humanity on the tremendous tasks of reconstruction. But the United Nations organization is built upon the premise of international fellowship. It is a mechanism which can be used, neglected or misused. If it is to be used successfully, the nations must find a new loyalty to all humanity above their separate loyalties, and a common foundation of moral principles beneath their conflicting philosophies. Unless there is such a conversion of attitudes, all plans for peace are doomed to tragic failure. This warning must be taken to heart by the churches of Christ and by the nations of men.

The Christian witness for world order is also a message of hope. This is God's world and He has not forsaken it. In Jesus Christ He has revealed for all time His infinite love. No matter how dark the prospects for mankind may seem, the Christian, knowing God and His justice and His mercy, will not despair. The Christian knows that man is called to a higher destiny. He knows that God's help is ever available to those who turn to Him.

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\*Copies of the World Order Day Message, including the full text of the survey by the Department of International Justice and Goodwill from which the article on the preceding page was taken, may be obtained by writing to the Department at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price: 5c a copy, \$4.00 per hundred.

# Greater Cooperation in Italy

## EVANGELICAL FORCES FOUND STRENGTHENED BY HARDSHIPS

BY HOWARD V. YERGIN

**T**HE EVANGELICAL forces in Italy suffered greatly and heroically under the Fascist regime and particularly under German occupation. The personal suffering and the heroism of the pastors and many church members is an epic story. One pastor was arrested thirteen times on suspicion of sympathy with the Partisans, and held as hostage with the promise that if any German was killed he would be shot in reprisal; another pastor and his wife were held for eleven days in separate solitary confinement on the same "charge," each evening being threatened with the firing squad the next morning. Other pastors hid in caves, in icy waters, and in snow banks; the health of all is undermined as a result of the suffering, the anxiety, the lack of food and clothing.

The trend toward closer cooperative relationships between the various evangelical groups had been notable even before the war, but this fellowship of suffering has hastened the movement and heartening progress can be chronicled.

First in point of time was the organization of local ministers' councils and interdenominational relief committees in all of the larger centers of population. While the membership in the ministers' councils does not extend

beyond the strictly "regular" denominations, membership in the relief committees includes all evangelical groups, Pentecostals, Plymouth Brethren, Adventists, Salvation Army, etc. A pastor and a layman represent each group.

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Mr. Yergin has just returned from six months in Italy where he was a special representative of the World Council of Churches. He is the executive of the Synod of New York of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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The committees have functioned capably and conscientiously, carefully scrutinizing each appeal for a share in America's gifts and making grants on the basis of need and of total available supplies. The writer was privileged to observe the almost reverent way in which the relief supplies sent through the American Italian Interdenominational Relief Committee or the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction were allocated. Lack of adequate transportation seriously handicapped their work, in spite of the generous assistance in the form of trucks from American Relief for Italy and its Italian counterpart, ENDISI, organized by Mr. Myron Taylor.

The ministers' councils have arranged interdenominational broadcasts on Sunday afternoons, under Allied Military Government permission, in twelve cities, and the results have been re-

warding. Letters, phone calls, personal visits have followed each broadcast, the burden of the replies being gratitude for the simple and positive exposition of the Gospel, and surprise at learning that the Evangelicals believe in God and in the Divinity of Christ. These ministers' councils have also in several cities organized "Christian Cultural Centers," at which the practical application of Evangelical Christian doctrines is presented and free discussion invited. There is a generous attendance of non-evangelicals at these centers. Some of the addresses both over the radio and in the centers, have been printed and given wide distribution, though lack of money and paper has been a hampering factor. In Venice the two Evangelical pastors, Methodist and Waldensian, formed a council and secured from the Allied authorities permission to use a confiscated German Lutheran Church. Sunday afternoons meetings have been held at which Evangelical doctrines have been explained, the attendance, largely non-evangelical, running from 1,000 to 1,500. Continued use of this building has been assured through the mediation of the World Council of Churches.

This last spring, at the national conventions of the two bodies, was consummated the union of the English Wesleyan Church and the Methodist Episcopal (formerly American) Church. The redistribution of pastors and work on the new basis is now in process. The terms of the union included a stipulation that union with the historic Waldensian Church of Italy would be sought, and approaches toward this goal are being made.

A momentous forward step in Evangelical unity was the formation of The Federal Council of Evangelical Christian Churches of Italy. Invitations to join in this forward step were sent to the United Methodists, the Southern Baptists, the Waldensians, the Independent Mission of La Spezia, the Pentecostals, the Plymouth Brethren, and the Adventists. The first four accepted, but the latter three declined. The Salvation Army, the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. are most friendly and helpful allies. The preposition "of" before Italy in the title of the Council was debated at length, by reason of the existence in the larger cities



OPENING THE EVANGELICAL CLINIC IN NAPLES

Left to right: Pastor Deodato, Waldensian; a volunteer physician; Dr. Robert Kellerman, Congregational-Christian Service Commission, himself a Methodist; Rev. Howard V. Yergin, Pastor Santi di Casa Materna, Methodist; Pastor Ricci, Baptist; a Waldensian nurse; and Mrs. Wilford Lyon, Congregational-Christian Service.

of many foreign colonies served by churches of the homelands—Scotch, English, American, German.' These are "in" Italy but not "of" Italy and it was decided that for the present, because of the complicated political situation, it would be wiser not to include them although hope was expressed that at a later time they might be included. Final approval and ratification of the council constitution awaits only the action of the national bodies.

Meanwhile the provisional council has been active. Preceding the June 2nd national elections on the form of government, a poster conspicuous by its modesty of size, print and color, appeared on the walls throughout Italy alongside the flamboyant posters of the other political parties (there were twenty-seven parties in the Rome district). It presented soberly and factually the case for religious liberty and received wide attention. "*L'Osservatore Romano*," the official Vatican organ, commented ironically: "It is an interesting poster, but in vain, because no one should feel the necessity of demanding that freedom which no one thinks of denying." (*i.e.*, "The Evangelicals have religious liberty!") "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty

said, 'it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less.'" The council has also prepared two brochures on religious liberty for distribution to the members of the Constitutional Convention, now in session to frame a constitution for the new Republic.

The work of various American Evangelical groups has been a heartening example in Italy of Christian co-operation. The American Friends in several places are manually aiding in the reconstruction of homes. The Church of the Brethren, in addition to its gift of five hundred heifers to Italy—now being distributed in co-operation with the Italian Government's Department of Agriculture—has also undertaken similar construction. The Congregational-Christian Church, together with the Unitarian Church, has carried through at Naples a study in nutrition of under-nourished people, and it is now completing a series of barracks to house 550 bombed-out persons who have been living in hillside caves for two and three years. The American Mennonites are establishing in the Waldensian Valleys a visiting nurse service to supplement that already furnished by the Waldenses, and hope soon to operate a

demonstration farm to aid the farmer of the rocky mountain-sides. The group has distributed many tons of clothing and this winter is bringing 30 Italian youth to study in American colleges. The work of the American Italian Evangelical Relief Committee has already been referred to and the aid of united Protestantism through the World Council of Churches has been given in an amazing number of ways. All these, whose ministry is not limited to evangelicals, have made a profound impression in Italy.

A chapter should be written sometime on the work of the American Protestant chaplains in Italy and their warm friendliness and practical aid for the Evangelical groups. Regardless of their denomination, they fraternized with churches in their vicinity and helped in many ways: One chaplain, a Lutheran, finding the Waldensian Church at Cerignola without its pastor learned Italian in one month and conducted their services during the months he was stationed nearby. At Naples the chaplains have started a fund for an evangelical hospital in memory of American boys who died in Italy. A beginning has already been made in the establishment of a clinic in the Waldensian Church which ministers to all, irrespective of creed. The writer was present on the opening day of the clinic. It was busy from the start and has grown in usefulness as equipment has become available.

Cooperation of Evangelical forces in Italy is a real and growing thing. There are many adversaries, but the door at present is open. We who possess that liberty for which our Evangelical brethren in Italy are striving, may devoutly echo Paul's message to the Philippians: "I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy for your fellowship in furtherance of the Gospel."

"They of Italy salute you."

#### LOS ANGELES PLANS EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Churches in the Los Angeles area under leadership of the Department of Evangelism of the Church Federation have planned an evangelistic crusade for the fall which is expected to surpass in scope any program of its kind ever attempted in a metropolitan area.

It will begin on October 13 with a religious census and conclude December 8. Three hundred ministers from outside the city are being invited to participate.

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## MISSION TO YOUTH IS SCHEDULED FOR INDIANAPOLIS AREA

A Mission to Youth will be held in Indianapolis October 13-18 when Dr. E. Stanley Jones speaks to assemblies in the seven city high schools and counsels with students. At the same time Dr. Merrill B. McFall, pastor of the First Methodist Church of the Wesley Foundation, Indiana University, will speak in the nine county high schools.

Sponsored by the recently organized Youth Senate of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, the week will close with a rally of city and state young people at Butler University Field House. Arrangements for this finale are being made by youth officers of the Indianapolis Federation and the Indiana Council of Churches.

The Mission to Youth is being planned with the cooperation of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches. It marks the climax of one year of growth for the United Christian Youth Council, which is sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Indianapolis Federation. The Youth Senate was organized last May.

This program, which is challenging the youth of Indianapolis, was made possible by the expansion of the Church Federation by the addition of Daniel R. Ehalt as full-time secretary of the Department of Religious Education.

Another phase of this program is the Youth Radio Guild which was organized following a six-week course in script-writing and broadcasting conducted by an expert in the field. More than 30 young people completed the course.

## Two Observances Will Feature Laymen

The place of laymen in the Church will be emphasized on two special Sundays during the fall months.

Laymen's Sunday, sponsored by The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, will be observed October 20, and Men and Missions Sunday, sponsored by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, will be observed on October 20 in Canada, and on November 17 in the United States.

Last year more than 2,000 churches utilized Laymen's Sunday to emphasize the practical application of Christ's teachings in everyday affairs. Information may be obtained by writing to The Laymen's Movement, 347

Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

The observance of Men and Missions Sunday this year will mark the 16th anniversary of its founding, and all former records for participation are expected to be broken. Lay speakers have been chosen by pastors throughout the country to present the mission story.

Dr. Arthur H. Compton and John Foster Dulles have prepared radio transcriptions, and a speaker's manual containing messages from eminent clergymen and laymen is being distributed. This material is available through any missionary board or from the Laymen's Missionary Movement, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.

## SAN FRANCISCO HOLDS MASS MEETING FOR MISSIONARIES

Four hundred missionaries met in San Francisco to embark for China and the Philippines on September 11, under the sponsorship of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The missionaries are being sent by 123 missionary agencies in the United States and Canada that make up the Conference.

A mass meeting was held in the San Francisco Opera House September 10 in honor of the men and women embarking on this Christian mission. This mass meeting was jointly sponsored by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches and the San Francisco Council of Churches.

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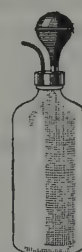
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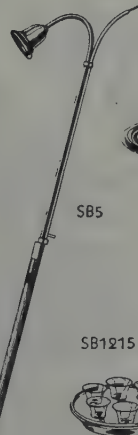
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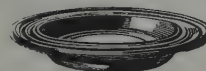
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## CWS APPOINTS TWO FIELD SECRETARIES

Rev. Jesse D. Reber, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Mr. Samuel J. Mills, New York, N. Y., have been appointed by Church World Service as field secretaries to coordinate the relief work of councils of churches, ministerial associations and other church organizations. Mr. Reber will work in the Midwest and South and Mr. Mills is assigned to the Eastern part of the country.

The United Council of Church Women already has a program under way. Its members are compiling 500,000 "Kiddie Kits" for children aged one through four. The kits will include warm clothing, blankets and other articles for the comfort and protection of small children in many lands.

These kits will be brought to churches throughout the country on World Community Day, Nov. 1, for consecration ceremonies, after which they will be sent to the CWS warehouses for overseas distribution.

The newest project of Church World Service is the establishment of a displaced persons sub-division. Headed by Dr. Hazel G. Ormsbee, New York, N. Y., a veteran social welfare leader,

the new sub-division has an authorized budget of \$450,000 for the remainder of this year. The fund will be spent in resettling war orphans, youths and homeless Christian families in America and other countries prepared to receive them.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

*The Pastor's Loan Shelf.* By Russell L. Dicks and Seward Hiltner. Reprinted from *The Pastor*, July, 1946. A list of books and pamphlets useful in supplementing personal counseling. The materials are grouped under such headings as: A philosophy of life, prayer, meditation, relief of tension, mental illness, alcoholics, bereavements, husband-wife situations, parental understanding of children, physical and emotional handicaps, etc. 10 cents a copy.

*A B C Summary on the Churches and the United Nations:* The General Assembly. By Walter W. Van Kirk. Published by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace. This leaflet covers such topics as: What the assembly is, what it is expected to do, the member nations, voting procedure, delegates, the first session of the Assembly, and the Churches and the Assembly. \$2.00 per hundred.

## GOOD WILL CONFERENCE CONDUCTED IN MICHIGAN

The Fourth Annual Good Will Conference, sponsored by the Berrien County Council of Churches in cooperation with the Michigan Council of Churches, was scheduled for September 6-8 at Camp Warren, near Coloma, Mich. Seventeen other agencies support this project which aims to bring together the major occupational groups in each area "for the development of good will and mutual understanding at points of conflict.

The Conference forms a week-end camp where people of all creeds, faiths and races, can meet in mutual respect and friendliness and consider the issues which divide man from man.

Discussions are conducted on the round-table method, and leaders are provided through adult educational departments of Michigan's colleges.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF Churches is conducting a character-building program for 1800 workers on tobacco farms in the state. The program provides full-time religious services, spiritual counseling, and recreation for the workers, most of whom are Jamaican and Negro high school boys from the South.

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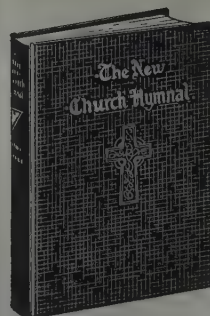
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# REFORMATION DAY

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Though only thirty-three years old, this young monk had already achieved considerable distinction. In 1510, he had visited Rome and been saddened by the corruption of the Church in high places. He became a sharp critic of certain practices, advocating major changes in the Canon Law, in the educational methods of the day, and even in the scholastic philosophy. It is not surprising, therefore, that when Tetzel came into the region, urging the purchase of indulgences from punishment for sin, this young monk should protest. The ninety-five theses, originally intended as a basis for local discussion, came into an "immediate and enormous popularity"—to the great astonishment of their author.

His proposals cut deeply into the ideas and authority of the all-powerful ecclesiastical system. Rome soon took steps to discipline the "presumptuous monk." This and succeeding events resulted in the great religious movement known as the Reformation. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Zwingli and others, each in his own way, carried on this initial revolt; and out of their efforts grew what we know today as the Protestant Church.

DR. WALTER W. VAN KIRK, Executive Secretary of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, has received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, for his work in behalf of world peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, week-day church school, and other church school superintendents were guests at the September dinner meeting of the Wichita, Kan., Council of Churches. Rev. Milton R. Vogel, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches spoke on: "Wanted—Church School Leaders."

October 31, 1946

SPECIAL Reformation Day services will be held in many communities this year. Among the larger cities, St. Louis plans another mass meeting with Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York as the speaker. At the Cleveland observance the address will be given by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam; and at the one in Cincinnati by Dr. Paul Scherer.

The Methodist Council of Bishops, at its meeting early this year, recommended "that Reformation Day be observed interdenominationally throughout the nation, and that the proposal be referred to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America with a request for favorable action." The Executive Committee of the Federal Council on May 9 received and approved this recommendation.

A special folder prepared for the occasion by the Commission on Worship points out that "this occasion gives unusual opportunity to join the

forces of Protestantism in a united demonstration of strength and enthusiasm. The impact of such a gathering is immeasurable. That it can be done has been demonstrated, particularly in the great service at the Kiel Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis, on October 28, 1945. Nineteen thousand people jammed that building, the largest audience ever to use the auditorium; and public officials estimated that more than 5,000 others were turned away."

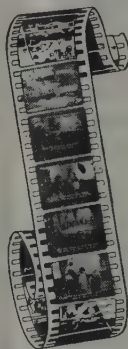
Suggestion is made that the offering at community Reformation Day services go to Church World Service as a token of world-wide Christian fellowship.

## PRAYER BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Miss Margaret T. Applegarth is the author of the series of seven prayer programs for next January 5 to 12, the 101st observance of the Universal Week of Prayer, which is sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. The theme around which she prepared the seven studies is: "For This Cause I Bow My Knees." The booklets are available at 5c each in any quantity, postpaid.

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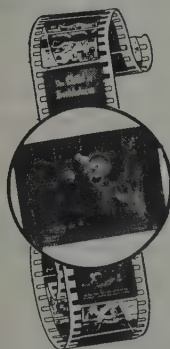
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## CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC LIFE NEXT FEBRUARY

A National Conference on the Church and Economic Life will be convened by the Federal Council of Churches February 18-20, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Arrangements are being made for the denominations and other religious groups to appoint 400 delegates who for the most part will be lay members from the ranks of agriculture, labor, management, and representatives from civic and consumer organizations, and from educational and professional groups.

The National Conference is part of the continuing study which the Council is making on the relation of Christianity and the economic order. Another phase of this program is the series of studies prepared and released by the Department of Research and Education. Sessions of the Conference will give major emphasis to the responsibility of the churches, with discussion of such questions as:

What are the most significant issues within the economic order about which the Christian Church should be most concerned?

What is the contribution which Protestant churches can best make toward resolving these issues on Christian principles?

What program should the churches undertake to assure such a contribution?

Information about the procedure for appointing delegates is now being sent to the denominations, according to Rev. Cameron P. Hall, Co-Secretary of the Industrial Relations Division. He emphasizes the importance of obtaining conference delegates who represent the strength of Protestantism in this field.

## OKLAHOMA CITY ISSUES NEW MONTHLY PUBLICATION

Under the name "Council-ing Together" the Oklahoma City Council of Churches in September issued Vol. I, No. 1 of its new monthly publication, the purpose of which is to express publicly the "program, aims, objectives and achievements of the churches working together."

In this first issue is the announcement of a plan to honor the leading layman and laywoman of the city at the council's annual meeting next January. Contribution in Christian leadership will constitute the basis for the selection of those to be honored.

## Ohio Teachers Study Classroom Methods

Methods of teaching religious education in public schools in Ohio were subjected to re-examination and criticism by teachers themselves, at the Ohio Weekday Church School workshop held at Oberlin for four weeks this summer under the auspices of the Department of Weekday Church Schools of the Ohio Council of Churches and the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

Actual teaching conditions were reproduced in the school, with Oberlin children of the fifth and sixth grades serving as pupils, and Miss Frances Hill, director of the weekday church schools of Zanesville, acting as teacher, and then entering into criticism with other teachers who observed her methods.

Among the twenty-two church school teachers attending the course were seven public school teachers, four of whom will transfer to Weekday Church School teaching this fall. Besides the Ohio teachers there were five from out of the state who had come to see how Ohio promotes weekday church schools.

AN APPEAL FOR RELEASE of conscientious objectors from prison was made to President Truman by the Executive Committee of the South Dakota Council of Churches and Christian Education. It requested further that full civil liberties be restored to those released.

## Lakeside Findings

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the church-sponsored training of laymen for community service;

making our churches conscious of the needs of the community;

the promotion of community recreation;

a determined effort to bring the teaching of religion into the curriculum of the public schools;

the application of the Christian gospel, with its affirmation of human brotherhood, to the problem of racial discrimination. We commit ourselves therefore to the removal of race discrimination, to taking the lead as young churchmen in the formation of interracial community councils, to taking affirmative action in local situations, and to

seeking equalization of educational opportunity for all races;  
developing cooperative united Church channels for effective community action and to encourage church union where possible in over-churched communities;  
the promotion of adequate economic opportunity for all races;  
take every opportunity to advance the Christian ethic in the community by adequate acceptance and presentation of the Christian gospel.

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to support the total Church in fulfilling its prophetic role;

to support the spirit of cooperation in the present United Nations and recommend the transfer of some major elements of national sovereignty to a world organization as soon as possible so that the principle of universal brotherhood may be better served;

to persistent prayer for lasting peace supplemented by Christian action in its behalf;

to interdenominational efforts at all levels, believing that our local churches and all Protestantism will be strengthened if we speak with a united voice in matters of common interest;

to secure information and direction leading to consistent, constructive, Christian policies regarding those areas of racial and religious tensions that seem to be increasing;

to improve the relations of labor and management;

to the support of missionary work.

## WE FURTHER COMMIT OURSELVES

to look for creative methods of implementing the missionary and evangelistic efforts of the church at home and abroad through the application of Christian principles in all channels of life;

to seek all means whereby we can gain greater understanding of the problems of foreign countries, by promoting exchange of young churchmen between nations, by the study and appreciation of the culture, literature, art and music of these foreign neighbors;

to support the efforts by which provision is made for the development of an adequate program for training Protestant ministers with the highest possible qualifications including  
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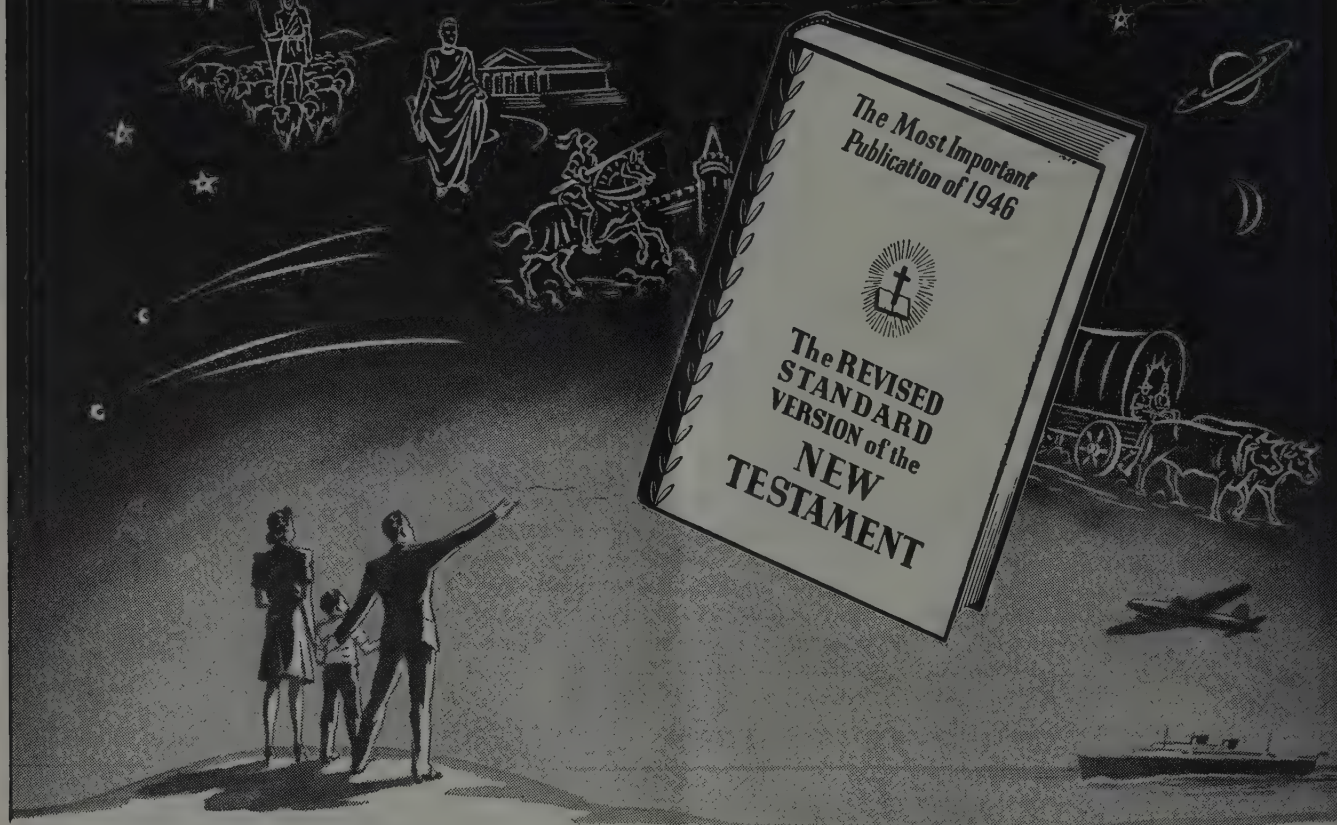
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ARCHBISHOP DISCUSSES  
WORLD COUNCIL TASK  
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The unity of Christian churches of the world should be sought not as one church under a single constitution but as a series of churches in full communion with one another, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said at a luncheon held in his honor at the Commodore Hotel in New York City on September 9. More than 350 persons attended the luncheon which was sponsored jointly by the American Committee for the World Council of Churches and the Federal Council of Churches.

In his comments the Archbishop pointed out that the World Council is not a church and never will be, and that it cannot speak officially for the churches because its acts are not binding on constituent denominations. He then enumerated some of the positive contributions that the World Council can make:

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CAMERON HALL SPEAKS AT  
ILLINOIS LABOR SERVICE

In Springfield, Ill., Labor Sunday marked the conclusion of the summer Union Services sponsored through the Council of Churches. Rev. Cameron P. Hall, Co-Secretary of the Industrial Relations Division of the Federal Council, was the speaker. A week later Mr. Hall was speaker at the Church-Labor Conference sponsored by the Erie, Pa., Council of Churches.

Labor Sunday in Tulsa was observed with a special vesper service sponsored by the Council of Churches at which William Green, President of the A. F. of L., was the guest speaker.

TO STUDY ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

The social action secretaries of various denominations will meet in the Federal Council building October 15 for a preliminary conference on alcohol problems, according to Dr. Beverly M. Boyd, Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations.

This meeting is being held pursuant to an action of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council last June.

THE MAINE COUNCIL of Churches plans to repeat on a larger scale next year its interracial vacation plan through which 31 Negro boys and girls from Boston spent two weeks in Maine homes. This is the first such venture undertaken by the Council.

NEW SPRINGFIELD SECRETARY

Rev. Frank Dunn, Director of Public Relations of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, has been appointed the Executive Secretary of the Springfield Council of Churches, on part time. He will continue on the staff of the state council, concentrating attention upon cooperative Christian needs and tasks in Western Massa-

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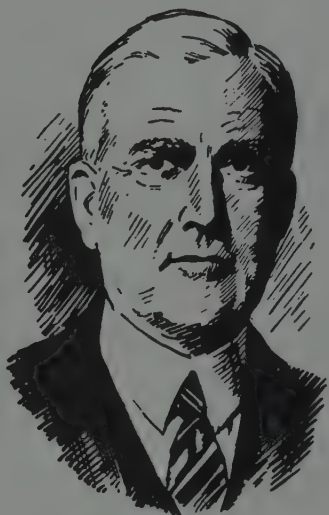
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The opening of leadership training schools marked the observance of Religious Education Week in Vermont. Addison, Franklin and Rutland County Councils of Churches held training schools one night a week for six weeks beginning September 23, 27 and October 1 respectively.

These schools included special instruction for church school teachers, courses in the Bible, and popular courses on the relation of religion to problems of the home, community and world. Members of the staff of the Vermont Church Council, Cleo Duncan, Rev. Dortha Weaver and Rev. Stanley B. Hyde, assisted in setting up these schools and teaching in them.

### World Council Group To Meet in This Country

The next full meeting of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches will be held in the United States April 22-25, 1947, it was decided at the meeting of the administrative committee held in London last month. This will be the first time the Provisional Committee has met in this country. The place of the session has not yet been established.

Four international church planning commissions have been formed to prepare for the first Assembly of the World Council which will be held in Amsterdam, Holland, from August 24 to September 4, 1948.

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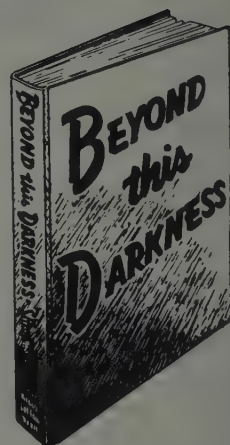
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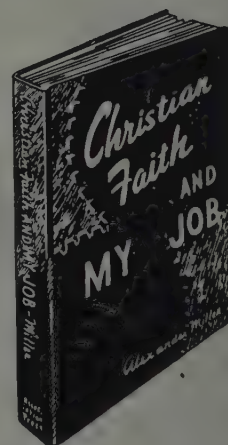


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## World Order Message

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with penitent hearts. He knows that God's righteous will shall yet be done on earth. Therefore, he finds sure grounds of confidence despite great peril. In the midst of preparations for war, made more fearful by new weapons, there is still the real possibility that humanity may gain the vision and will to turn back from disaster before it is too late. Out of the depths, men can turn in hope and confidence to God.

In this great crisis of our world, the responsibility resting upon the churches of Christ is particularly great, for the leadership which is required above all is a moral and spiritual leadership. If the Christian community and its members should fail to serve in the forefront of this struggle, we would be disloyal to the obligations of our faith.

It is imperative that we, as Christian citizens, become more informed about the issues of peace and take an active part in the shaping of foreign policy, by expressing clearly, each in accordance with his own conscience, approval or disapproval of measures proposed.

It is imperative that we join with fellow Christians in the corporate world order programs of our churches to mobilize the Christian world community for action, and to project Christian principles into the peace settlements and the United Nations. It is imperative that we stand steadfast against reckless efforts to solve the tensions of our times by violent means as well as against any weak surrender to these tensions in the form of defeatism and despair.

It is imperative that we build up and intensify the moral conscience of the people, and develop a will to peace with justice

which is both patient and persistent.

It is imperative that we intensify our efforts in every field for the establishment of a deeper sense of brotherhood, through sacrificial giving to help heal the wounds of the world, through more thorough education for loyalty to humanity, through more devoted support of the missionary enterprise, through clearer manifestation of the Christian faith in our daily lives.

Let the churches of Christ, in world-wide fellowship, respond to the present crisis in a manner worthy of our heritage and consonant with our faith. Let us seek God's help in presenting the Christian witness for world order.

GOD OF ALL NATIONS, FATHER OF MANKIND,

We would serve Thee more worthily in the establishment of a world of peace and justice for all Thy children.

We confess that our visions have been limited, our wills have been often weak, and our efforts have been inadequate.

We acknowledge that the grave crisis of the world is partly of our making; We have wandered from Thee. In penitence, we would commit our wills to Thy holy will. In humility, we turn to Thee for help.

Enlarge our visions, that we may see more clearly the needs of humanity and the ways by which we, in our several walks of life, may help to meet those needs. Strengthen our wills that we may in quiet confidence persist in the life-long task of building world order. Reinforce our endeavors for a just and lasting peace, we beseech Thee, that out of our weak efforts may yet come great good for Thy Kingdom.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

## Ten University Missions Will Be Held This Fall

Following up the fourteen University Christian Missions held last spring, a series of ten Missions are scheduled to be held this fall, with from six to fifteen speakers participating on each campus.

"This fall will see the largest enrollment ever known in the history of higher education; a situation that presents unusual opportunity to our churches as well as heavy responsibility," according to Rev. Phillips P. Moulton, National Director of the Missions. "We need to do more than pass high-sounding resolutions or wish the students well as they leave home for school. These Missions are the churches in united action on our campuses."

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For several years the Commonwealth Fund has been subsidizing needed research projects in the health field, usually publishing the findings itself. *Personality and the Cultural Pattern* by James S. Plant and *Mental Illness: A Guide for the Family* by Edith M. Stern are two such books which have

been widely read in church circles in recent years. Now comes *Patients Have Families* by Henry B. Richardson, M.D. (1945, \$3.00), whose very title commends it. While directed in part at those physicians who still take too narrow a view of what they are treating, it is immensely interesting to others as well. Disease itself is seen by the author as "an integral part of the continuous process of living." *Nursing in Commerce and Industry* by Bethel J. McGrath, R.N. (1946, \$3.00) is primarily a textbook for nurses in industry; but it is more than that in demonstrating how rapidly nursing is expanding in relation to industry, to the benefit of everyone concerned except the hospitals which are losing nurses to higher-paying industry.

The New York Academy of Medicine established in 1942 its Committee on Medicine and the Changing Order. Recognizing that medicine is changing

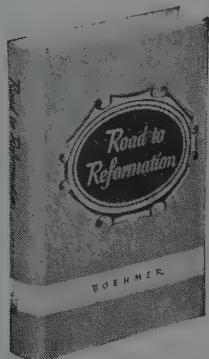
not only technologically but social it has set itself to the discussion of the thorny social problems involved. The Committee's membership is somewhat more than half doctors, with sprinkling of nurses and a few influential laymen including two ministers, Henry Sloane Coffin and Donald Aldrich. Broadly speaking, its viewpoint may be considered as progressive conservative in relation to the issues involved. Its membership is notable from the standpoints of professional competence, social awareness and absence of youth.

The latest, and one of the most useful, volumes in the series is *The American Hospital* by E. H. L. C. (1946, \$1.50), an excellent compendium of facts of all kinds about American hospitals—which now own a nearly six billion dollar plant, spend over a billion a year, employ nearly three quarters of a million persons. *Medical Services by Government* by Bernhard J. Stern (1946, \$1.50) traces historically and contemporaneously the tremendous growth of government sponsored or aided medical services at all levels of government. *Government in Public Health* by Harry S. Mustard, M.D. (1945, \$1.50) sets forth what government is actually doing in the fields of health care or disease prevention which are generally considered to have obvious "public" implications. Other volumes so far published, briefly explained by their titles, are: *Medicine in Industry* by Bernhard J. Stern (1946, \$1.50); *Nursing and Nursing Education* by Agnes Gelinas, R.N. (1946, \$1.00); *Medical Education and the Changing Order* by Raymond J. Allen (1946, \$1.50); *A Future for Preventive Medicine* by Edward Stieglitz, M.D. (1945, \$1.50); and *Dentistry: An Agency of Health Service* by Malcolm W. Carr, D.D.S. (1946).

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of the National Health Council. Voluntary health agencies, as defined in the study, mean the private societies working in such fields as tuberculosis, cancer, mental hygiene, and the like—apart from official organizations such as boards of health and apart from institutions like hospitals or professional societies such as medical groups. Hence, it studies a peculiarly American phenomenon—and we are not surprised to learn that there are at least twenty thousand such groups in the United States.

The general conclusion drawn is that the voluntary health agencies, while they have performed and can perform distinguished service in the fields of health care and health education, need to give themselves a thorough going over, sometimes raising the standards of work, studying more carefully their place in the total health picture and considering closer cooperation or even merger with other voluntary agencies.

DOCTORS EAST DOCTORS WEST, by Edward J. Hume, M.D. (New York, Norton, 1946, \$3.00), is the winner of the second annual Norton Medical Award, which was given last year to Carl Binger, M.D., for *The Doctor's Job*. The author, recently resigned Director of the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work, tells in his book the story of his many years' experience as a missionary doctor in China. His great knowledge of the East and his capacity for sympathetic

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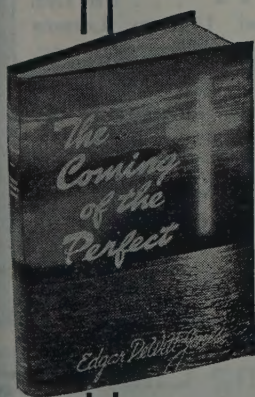
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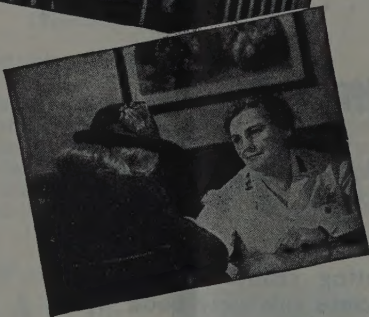
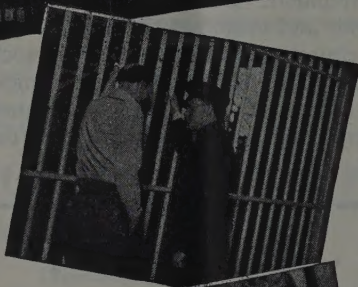
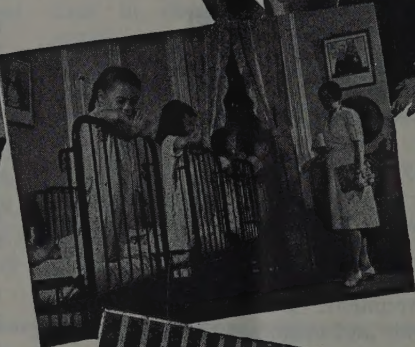
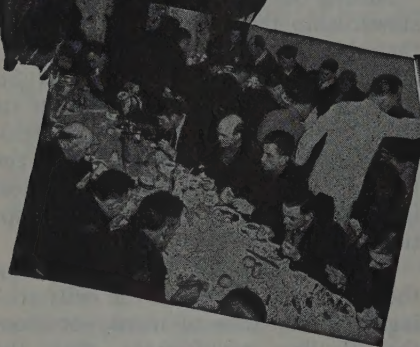
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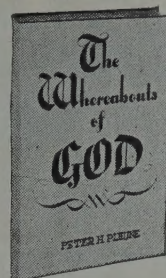
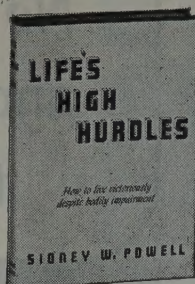
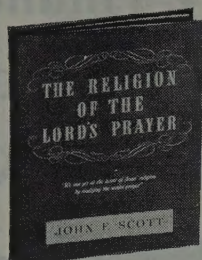
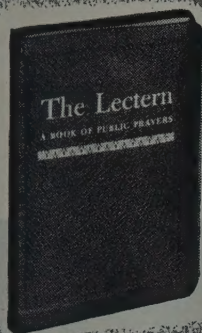
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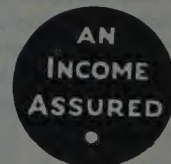
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